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Dear Dr. McAllister:

I have been chosen chairman of the second biennial FASEB (Federation of American Societies for Experimental Biology) Conference on "Endothelium and Cardiovascular Function" to be held from July 28 to August 2, 1991 in Copper Mountain, Colorado. This conference, which is modeled after the Gordon Conferences, will tentatively have sessions on the following topics:

1. Activation of Signal Transduction in Endothelial Cells
2. Inflammation and the Vascular Wall
3. Blood-Endothelium Interactions
4. Endothelium-derived Nitric Oxide
5. Endothelium-derived Contracting Factors
6. Vascular Physiological Role of EDRF
7. Non-endothelial Origin of NO and Endothelin
8. Endothelial Growth Factors
9. Vascular Phenomena and Vascular Disease

Vice-chairmen of the conference are Drs. Wayne Alexander, (Emory University, Atlanta, Ga.) and Rudi Busse (Albert Ludwigs Universitat, Freiburg, F.R.G.). Participants from North America, Europe and Japan tentatively have accepted invitations, depending on financial support in many cases. I have enclosed a separate preliminary list of active participants in order to give you a more precise feeling for the high quality interdisciplinary meeting that it will be. The meeting is particularly useful and important; it is the only conference of this type devoted to this topic. Recent progress has been rapid and exciting, particularly as to the potential new clinical relevance of basic work in the endothelial area.

I am trying to raise funds for partial support of participants' travel and meeting expenses. Travel may cost up to \$700.00 for West Coast participants, for example. The room, board and registration costs for the meeting are a modest \$470.00. Thus, I am writing to you to inquire about a possible financial contribution. We wish to support senior invited speakers

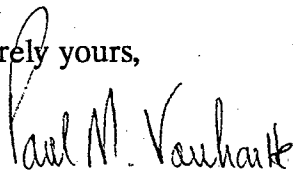
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including a few key individuals from outside the vision area who will share their insights with us. We also wish to support at least 10 junior investigators (at \$ 970.00 a piece) who might otherwise not be able to attend. These promising young investigators represent the new blood of this field (and other fields) who will be making the significant contributions in the coming decades. Attendance is limited to 200. The conference will be well advertised by FASEB and our preliminary response from a letter announcing the meeting indicates that a large number of people will apply.

If you would like more details about the meeting, please contact either myself or any of the co-chairmen. I and the other conferees will greatly appreciate any financial help you can give. Thank you.

With best wishes.

Sincerely yours,



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